

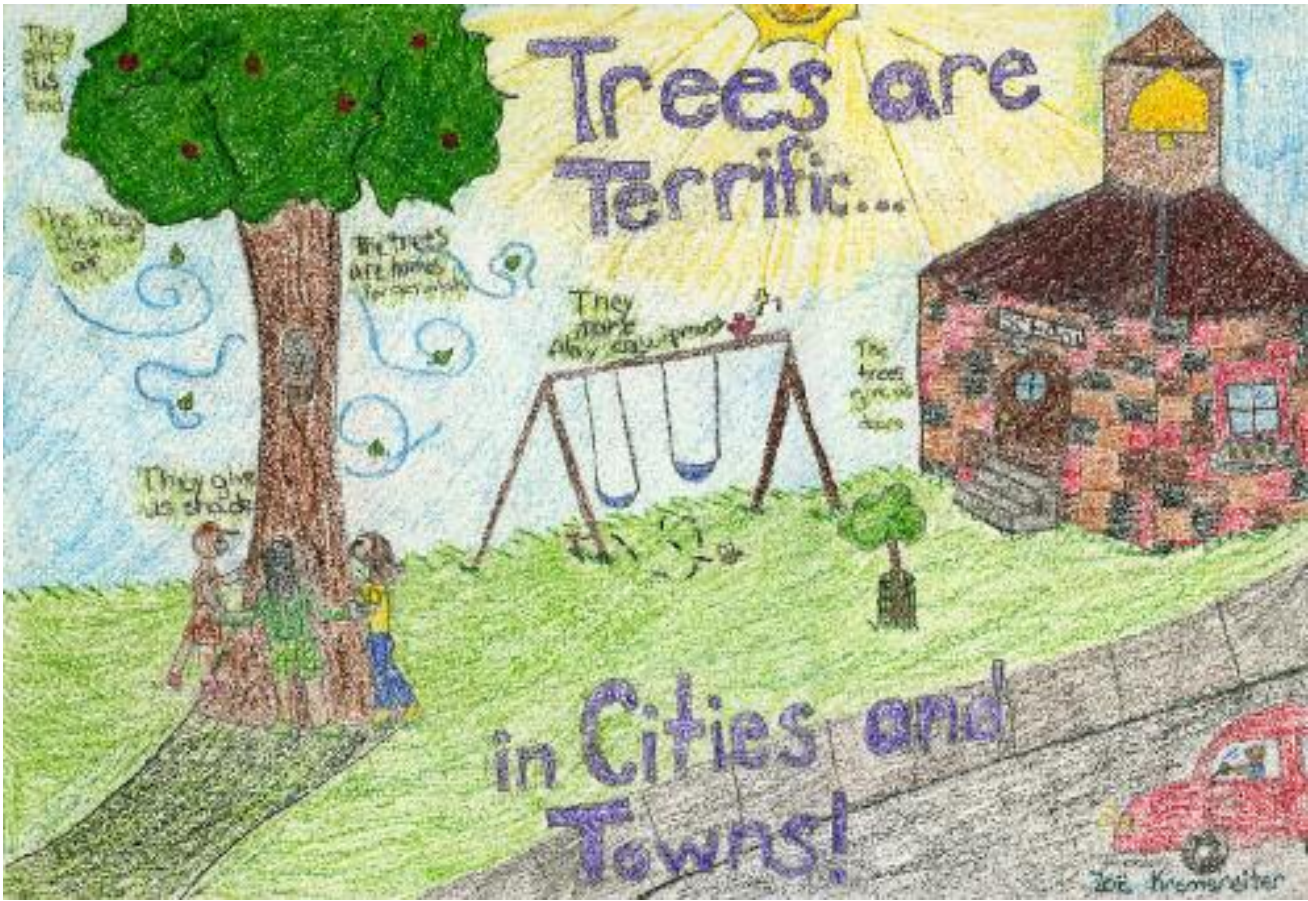
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My Favorite Tree

By Morgan Boie

My favorite tree
Has got to be
A oak.
It is no joke!
I climb and play
In the branches all day.
Acorns fall
And grow so tall.
I like the tree
And the trees likes me.
Squirrels climb in the tree so high
I think that tree touches the sky.
Chipmunks hide their nuts in the hollow tree trunk
I think in the roots hides a skunk.
We chop down your branches for things like benches
And chairs and pencils but [not] metal for wrenches.
The tree dies and rots away
Hopefully another will grow again someday.
That's the end of that tree
That tree was so dear to me,
Good-bye.

Thorp Elementary, Thorp
Honorable mention
Teacher: Mary Whooley



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Teacher: Sally Lew

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 National Friendship Day – Take your best friend on a picnic under your favorite tree.	2	3 Fun Forestry Fact: Did you know that if every- one in the U.S. recycled their daily newspaper, it would save 250 million trees a year?	4 Day lilies bloom.	5 Wisconsin State Fair (Aug 5 – Aug 15) Get out and enjoy the best 11 days of summer!	6	7 Young loons learn to fly. A loon has to run across the water for up to ¼ mile while flapping its wings in order to get enough lift to take off.
8	9 Smokey Bear is 66 years old. Smokey reminds us that “Only You Can Prevent Wildfires.”	10 Yellow jackets or white faced hornets make paper-like nests.	11 Ramadan begins at sundown.	12 Perseids Meteor Shower The movie <i>Wizard of Oz</i> premieres in Oconomowoc (1939). Film strip material contains the tree product <i>cellulose</i> .	13	14 It's true! A humming- bird feeds every 10 minutes, visiting as many as 1,000 flowers daily.
15 Time to get ready for school! Which school supplies come from trees or forest products?	16	17 Wild rice ripens.	18	19	20 Watch for migrating nighthawks, swallows and wrens. They are the first migrants to leave, many at night.	21
22	23	24 Full (Sturgeon) Moon	25	26 Spider webs glisten like diamonds in the early morning sunshine. There are over 1,100 species of spider in Wisconsin.	27	28
29 Monarch butterflies begin their long migration to Mexico.	30	31				

White Oak (*Quercus alba*)

Form
White oak trees vary in height from 60 to 100 feet. They tend to be tall and straight in forests, but in open ground they can be short, with wide, spreading, rounded crowns.

Leaf
White oak leaves are 5 to 9 inches long and about half as broad, with 5 to 9 deeply divided lobes. The leaves are often crowded toward the ends of twigs, and sometimes remain on the tree through winter. They are light green above and much paler below.

Wood
This oak has light brown, hard, durable wood, and is popular for heavy construction. It can also be used for railroad ties, interior finishes, furniture and fuel.

Fruit

The White oak fruit is a light brown *acorn* that matures in one year. It is about ¾ to 1 inch long, about ¼ enclosed in a cap. It germinates a few weeks after ripening and sends down a long, deep tap root before winter. White oak acorns are a valuable fall food for many wildlife species.



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